

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

[*Translation*]

Antennae which receive Foreign Programmes

6982. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise number of antennae in Public and Private Sectors in the country which receive the programmes telecast by foreign television centres;
- (b) the rules for individuals or institutions for having such antennae and the charges therefor; and
- (c) the annual revenue of the Government therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). 1. Programmes telecast by foreign television centres by using conventional transmitters in TV broadcast bands, can be received by using normal TV antennae in border areas. Licensing for TV/Radio Broadcast receivers was abolished in 1985. State-wise distribution of such antennae, receiving programmes telecast by foreign television centres, is, therefore, not available.

2. (i) As regards reception of foreign TV programmes, through satellites, the Government's policy is to permit "TV receive only dishantenna" for reception of programmes only from Indian National Satellite (INSAT).

(ii) Licence to receive programmes telecast by foreign television centres, through satellites, by using 'tv receive' only dishan-

tenna is not granted to general public, as per the present policy of the Government.

(c) In view of 2 (ii) above, accrual of revenue to Government does not arise.

Seminars on Technical Education

6983. DR MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether seminars of experts were organised in 1989-90 and 1990-91 in Bombay and Lucknow to provide technical education in Devnagari script by computer; and

(b) if so, the details of discussions held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). As one of its Plan activities, the Department of Official Language organised one-day Seminar-cum-Exhibition in Lucknow on 25.9.1990 and in Bombay on 27.11.1990 on "Biscriptual (Devnagari and Roman) use of Computers". Representatives of the Central Government Offices located in these regions, computer experts and manufacturers of software/hardware facilities for biscriptual use of computers participated in these events. During discussions in the seminar detailed information was given to the user organisations regarding word processing, data entry, programming, printing etc. in Devanagari script on computers and specific doubts of the users in this regard were removed. The objective for organising such seminar-cum-Exhibitions is to disseminate information regarding facilities available for use of computers in devnagari script as well so that Central Government offices could work on them as per the requirement of "Official Language Policy".